

REMARKS

Summary of Office Action

Claims 1-16 were pending in this application. Claims 6 and 7 were withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a species election.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5 and 8-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention.

Summary of Applicants' Reply

Applicants have amended the specification to correct minor typographical errors.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, and 14 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention. Withdrawn claim 7 has been canceled, and new dependent claims 17-21 have been added.

No new matter has been added.

Reconsideration of this application in view of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Rejections of Claims 1-5 and 8-16 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-5 and 8-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicants regard as the invention. In particular, the Examiner said the scopes of independent claims 1 and 4 were not clear with respect to whether or not a broom itself was claimed. The Examiner also cited several claims for lacking consistent terminology.

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended to make clear that a broom itself is not being claimed. Support for these amendments is found in applicants' specification (*see, e.g.,* page 8, paragraph 15: "An introduction to a better understanding of the truck mounted rotating broom system 10 ... of the present invention may be had by appreciating the large size of the rotating broom 110 that is used with the present invention ..." (emphasis added)).

Applicants have also amended claims 3, 6, 8, 9, and 14 to conform the terminology and to correct antecedence problems.

Claims 1-5 and 8-16 should no longer be indefinite.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 1-5 and 8-16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, be withdrawn.

Withdrawn Dependent Claim 6

Dependent claim 6 was withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a species election.

Applicants respectfully request that claim 6 be rejoined to the application in view of the allowability of independent claim 1, from which it depends, and submit that claim 6 is also allowable (*i.e.,* dependent claims are allowable if their independent claim is allowable).

New Dependent Claims 17-21

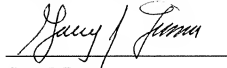
Dependent claims 17-21 have been added and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as their respective independent claim (*i.e.,* dependent claims are allowable if their independent claim is allowable). Support for claims 17-20 is found in applicants' specification

on page 8, paragraph 15, and support for claim 21 is found in applicants' specification on page 14, paragraph 34.

Conclusion

The foregoing demonstrates that claims 1-6 and 8-21 are allowable. This application is therefore in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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